लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भागेय गोबर्धन) : (क) जी, हां। भारतीय सांख्यिकीय सेवा के ग्रेड चार में सीधी भर्ती संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा 1967 से 1986 तक आयोजित खुली प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के आधार पर की गई है।

(ख) भारतीय सांख्यिकीय सेवा के ग्रेड चार में सभी सीधी भर्ती वालों के संबंध में स्थायी करने संबंधी आदेश, जिन्होंने 31 जुलाई, 1990 को 10 वर्षों की सेवा पूरी कर ली थी, एक अधिकारी को छोड़कर जो केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा पंजीकृत मामले के पश्चात् निलम्बित है, जारी कर दिए गए हैं।

(ग) तथा (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Creation of post of Laboratory Assistant in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2318. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: *Will the PRME MINISTER be pleased* to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that a cadre post of Laboratory Assistant was created by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan sometime in 1973-74;

(b) if so, whether the decision to create this cadre post was approved by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Board of Governors; and

(c) if so, the details of the meeting and if not, the validity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In fact the post of Laboratory Assistant was replaced by the post of Laboratory Attendant from Septmeber, 1974, in pursuance of a decision taken by the Board of Governors at its 19th meeting held on 31-10-1972.

Delinking of jobs from degrees

2319. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made about delinking of Government jobs from University degrees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to link Government jobs with job-oriented educational qualifications rather than university degrees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education—1986 envisaged that a beginning would be made in delinking degrees from jobs in selected areas and delinking will be applied in services for which a university degree need not be a necessary qualification. It also envisaged establishment of a National Testing Service (NTS), in appropriate phases, to conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine the suitability of candidates for specified jobs. The Educational Consultants Ltd. (Ed. CIL) has prepared a detailed project Report for setting up of the NTS. However, the National Testing Service has not been established. The Committee set up by the Government to review the National Policy on Education will have a fresh look at the proposal and further action will be taken after receipt of the recommendations of the Review Committee.

Use high frequency bands in satellites

2320. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that satellities with higher frequency bands help ground

stations to use low cost small-sized antenna;

(b) whether it is possible to use high frequency slot from Intelsat and develop our own satellites with high frequency bands so that the entire country specially the rural areas, can have modern TV and Telecommunication facilities at considerably lower cost; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider the development of satellites using higher frequency bands like KU and KA, as used by Intelsat and Eutelsat, instead of the present frequencies used in 'INSAT-I and II' series?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Use of higher frequency bands for satellite communications do have certain advantages in terms of smaller ground station antenna sizes when high power satellites are employed. The cost of the ground receivers including the antenna will depend on the satellite power and volume of production of the receivers. Higher frequencies also imply larger band widths thus providing much greater capacity.

(b) As of now the higher frequency (Ku-band) transponders of INTEREST do not cover India. It is possible to develop our own satellites carrying higher frequency (Ku-band and Ka-band) transponders. The total system cost, however, will depend on the capacity required and other factors.

(c) There is a possibility of including Ku-band transponders in the third INSAT-2 satellite to be launched in 1994.

Resources required for eighth five year plan

2321. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total resources required for the Eighth Five Year Plan to achieve the 5.5 per cent grrwth as envisaged in the Approach Paper;

(b) what is the Incremental Capital Output Ratio (ICOR) assumed in the above calculation;

(c) what was the ICOR achieved in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) whether the assumptions for the Eighth Plan are realistic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The details of resources required for the Eighth Plan are being worked out. These will be decided in consultation with the States and Central Ministries.

(b) *Implicit ICOR will be known after* the finalisation of the total investment for the Eighth Plan. Details will be incorporated in the Plan document.

(c) The National Income Estimates are available for the first 4 years of the Seventh Five Year Plan. The ICOR achieved in the Seventh Five Year Plan will be known after the estimates for the last year of the Seventh Plan become available.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Value of defence imports

2322. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total value of defence imports during the last five years, yearwise;

(b) what is the plan for the next five years with respect to such imports;

(c) whether Government have examined the possibility of economy in defence imports in view of the difficult foreign exchange position; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (d) Import